

ecutrix always conducted herself as a faithful and obedient wife ; but she charges, that her husband, soon after her marriage, commenced, towards her, a course of excessively vicious conduct and cruel treatment, and has ever since, continued to ill treat and cruelly use her ; that his conduct has been so violent, as to cause her to entertain serious fears for her personal safety. That in December last, she removed with her husband, to the city of Baltimore, and that since said removal, her husband has several times left and abandoned her, for several weeks at a time ; and has often told her he would altogether abandon her, and would not contribute to her maintenance, assigning no other reason, than that he could not support the thought of being bound to one person for life. She further complains, that her said husband, has now abandoned her altogether, and left her in an unprotected and destitute situation, wholly without the means for her support and maintenance, and is now wasting his pecuniary means, and leading a life of disgraceful debauchery. That he is possessed of property to the amount \$15,000, and that he is about to leave the state of Maryland, and depart beyond the jurisdiction of this honorable court. The bill, then prays for a decree for a divorce *a mensa et thoro*, and granting her such alimony or annual support, out of the property of her husband, as may be just and proper, and for the writ of *ne exeat*, restraining the said Josiah Bayly, from going out of the jurisdiction of this court, and for general relief.

The complainant made oath to the truth of the matters charged in this bill, and on the same day on which it was filed, the writ of *ne exeat* was ordered to be issued by Baltimore County Court, directing the sheriff to detain the defendant in his custody, until he shall give a bond, with securities, to be approved by the sheriff, in a penalty of \$5,000, conditioned to abide by, and conform to all decrees, which the court may pass in the cause.

The defendant was taken under this writ, and being in the custody of the sheriff, he made oath on the 13th of May, 1847, that he is now, and always has been, a resident of Dorchester county, in this state, and was so, at the time of the filing of this bill against him ; and that he has, and has had, no intention